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## FEAR FOR SAFETY OF MINISTERS.

Believed They are Held as Hostages by China.

## REPORTS ARE CONFLICTING

AMERICANS AND BRITISH LEAD IN ENTERING TIEN-TSIN.

Unrest in all the Provinces and General Uprising Threatened at Canton and Other Cities.

London, June 27, 2:05 p. m.—The cable messages from the Far East today are so far conflicting in their tenor that almost any desired view of the situation is deducible therefrom. On the whole, however, news is encouraging and it is safe to assume that Vice Admiral Seymour and the legations, whether together or separately, will ultimately reach a place of safety. Various reports locate the legations at divers places, but it seems agreed that they are safely away from Peking.

The latest Shanghai report says Prince Tuan (the head of the Chinese Foreign Office, and father of the heir apparent) has sent the legation to Sian Fu under escort and adds that Sian Fu will be the new capital in the event of Peking being occupied by the international forces.

It is thought at Shanghai that now Tien Tsin is relieved, the combined international forces will have no difficulty in reaching Peking, though it is expected it will be found that all the foreigners have already left. It is claimed that the reports as to the damage done at Tien Tsin and the casualties among the foreign residents have been highly colored.

The exodus of Chinese from Shanghai is unabated. Every steamer is thronged and the authorities have been obliged to resort to the use of the fire hose to prevent the fugitives from overcrowding the vessels. The commander of the British first-class cruiser Undaunted, however, has landed large supplies of rifles and ammunition, and guns have been placed in position at commanding points with the result that the foreigners are confident they can overcome any attack on the settlement, into which the foreigners from the out-stations are rapidly congregating.

According to a despatch from New Chwang, the Russians there are barely able to cope with the situation. The Chinese, it appears, are burning all the railroad material, killing isolated Russians at every opportunity and destroying the coal mines.

## SEYMOUR'S FORCES ARE COMPELLED TO FALL BACK.

NEW YORK, June 27.—A cable to the Sun from London, dated June 27, says:

A dispatch to the Central News from Chefoo, dated Tuesday, says the steamer Tien-Chow brings news from Taku to 5 o'clock yesterday to the effect that it is officially stated that communication had been established with Admiral Seymour, who was within nine miles of Tien-Tsin. He was being hard pressed by Chinese, and was much hampered by sick and wounded. Few of the force had been killed. Troops are being rapidly forwarded from Taku. It is estimated that there are 10,000 troops between Taku and Tien-Tsin. Most of these are Japanese, who continue to pour in.

Watson, a Taku pilot, forced his way through the Chinese lines from Tien-Tsin, which place he left after dark. He reached Taku early Sunday morning, after traveling on horseback and on foot. He says reports that have been sent out of the condition of affairs at Tien-Tsin are exaggerated. But few casualties were caused by the bombardment, and only small damage to property. People naturally were anxious, but intended to make a sortie Sunday. The general impression in Taku and Chefoo is that Peking can now be easily relieved. It is impossible to obtain an idea of the Chinese casualties. The allied forces worked together admirably.

## AMERICANS AND BRITISH WERE FIRST IN TIEN-TSIN.

CHEEFOO, June 26.—The Americans and British entered Tien-Tsin first, silencing the guns of the arsenal and breaking through the Chinese lines. The foreigners were close behind. The Russians lost 4 killed and 30 wounded. The losses of the other nationalities were small.

## WHITE WING YACHTS CONTEST.

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## GUERRILLA WARFARE NOW.

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## LAST DAYS OF THE WAR.

ROBERTS FORCES STEADILY CLOSING IN ON THEIR ENEMY.

Warm Clothing Reaching the British Soldiers—Bar Gold Sent to Merchants by Kruger Seized.

LONDON, June 27.—The Boer commands in the eastern part of the Orange River Colony appear to have been broken up by their leaders for the time into small parties that harass large columns of the British incessantly, cutting off scouts, sniping pickets, making a show of force here and there and bewildering the slow-moving bodies. Commandant Christian Dewet, General Steyn's principal leader, is the genius of these guerrilla operations. He is the hero on the Boer side in these last days of hostilities.

Lord Roberts' columns are steadily contracting the circle of their advance. Transvaal officials who were interviewed yesterday at Machadodorp by a correspondent of the Daily Express, asserted an intention to hold out to the last. President Kruger will probably retire to Watervalboven or Nelspruit. His physician thinks his condition of health will not allow him to go to the high veld.

The official report of the capture of a convoy of 50 wagons, escorted by Highlanders, between Rhenoster and Heilbron, June 4, has only just been received. Lord Roberts reports that the convoy was surrounded and sent messengers to the nearest posts asking for assistance, but reinforcement were unable to reach the convoy, and 150 Highlanders, in reply to a flag of truce from General Christian Dewet, surrendered during the morning of June 4. The Boers sharply attacked General Rundle's transport near Senekal, June 23, but were repulsed.

The British prisoners at Nooitgedach "forwarded to them," and their inclosure is lighted by electricity.

Protector telegrams say that supplies of warm clothing are reaching Lord Roberts' infantry, who had been ragged and had suffered from the cold. Commandant-General Botha is uncommonly active east of Pretoria.

Large quantities of bar gold, received by merchants in the western part of the Transvaal from President Kruger, ostensibly in payment of requisitioned goods, have been seized by the British. If the genuineness of the accounts can be proved, the gold will probably be repaid.

Sir Alfred Milner wires Mr. Chamberlain that all the securities deposited by the American and other insurance companies have been found.

## DE VILLIERS SURRENDERS.

Last Large Boer Force in Northern Cape Colony.

LONDON, June 26, 11:25 P. M.—The War Office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts: "PRETORIA, June 26.—Sir Charles Warren reports that the rebellion in Cape Colony north of the Orange river is now over. The last formidable body, under Commandant de Villiers, surrendered on June 26th, consisting of about 220 men, 240 horses, 18 wagons, 200 rifles and 100,000 rounds of ammunition. "General Baden-Powell reports that pacification is going on satisfactorily in the Transvaal district."

## AMUSEMENTS.

"A Bachelor's Romance," which the Neill company will present at the Hawaiian Theatre this evening, tells a beautiful story of heart interest. The scenic effects in connection with the presentation of the comedy are elaborate and specially designed for the Neill company. This play was Sol Smith Russell's greatest success and the Neill company has the exclusive right for its presentation in this country.

The Southwell Opera Company put just one more feather in their hats last night with their fine rendition of "El Capitán." A better program for the Fourth could not be found, and it was the only attraction on the boards in the city. It was good to see the large audience in attendance enjoy the grand music of "El Capitán." Every one was in good humor, and the performance went off with a dash and flourish of July spirit. The climax of every act was reserved with magnificent effect. At the finale of the last act Miss Tillie Slinger sang the "Star Spangled Banner" with the full company and the audience joining in the chorus. This was a hit that the people will always remember, and no doubt it will be a long time until they see its equal again. This is the last week of this company. Saturday matinee for the ladies and children.

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